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**Sent:** Fri 8/7/2015 6:22:18 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine Update

Hi Pat & Heather —

A couple of quick updates from the meeting I just got out of.

We have results back from yesterday's samples and have an EPA aircraft that is helping to track the slug of water. The leading edge of the plume was about 8 mi above the CO/NM state line as of about 10am today. The water around Silverton is clearing in color. Based on sampling data we have in now, we will try to develop some rough estimates for a trailing edge of the plume and travel time to Durango and will share that as soon as it's available.

We are still developing a full/final sampling plan, but discussed collecting samples at the Durango intake so we have good data there as I know the City is anxious to be able to use that intake. Pete Stevenson (our on-scene coordinator) has the lead on the sampling plan. KC has his number and should coordinate once in town.

We're also standing up a website that will be publicly available and will include photos, a map, and sampling results. That will be the best source of info over the weekend. The site should be up in another hour or two (right now it requires a login, but they will remove that once the data is loaded). URL is [www.epaossc.org/GoldKingMine](http://www.epaossc.org/GoldKingMine)

Feel free to give me a call or email over the weekend if you need anything. We'll probably have another update meeting later today and I will send you any new info.

Thanks!

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Hi Sarah,

This is some of our latest info. Is there an EPA incident command center our sampler should check into?

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Everyone,

Just a brief update.

- **On sight FSS Staff:** KC Kay from WQCD Field Unit II is headed down to Durango this morning from Grand Junction. Should be there mid afternoon and will check in with San Juan Basin HD - Greg Brand and his staff. KC will provide a status update later today and will also provide updates over the weekend. Additional staff from Field Unit II are able to assist if needed.

- **Additional Check in Calls with Public Water Systems:** Tom Schaffer and Rob Cribbs are calling to check in with systems on the Animas River for a status update, including GWUDI systems or GWUDI evaluated systems to see if they need assistance. They will be providing an update later this morning.

- **City of Durango:** Tyson spoke with Dave Furgeson (PW director) yesterday and they are prepared. Tyson will send an more detailed update shortly. There is an update on their website this morning regarding the DW System.

- **NM Systems:** Tom investigated downstream water systems in NM. Both Farmington and Aztec have updates on their websites stating that the DW systems are prepared and are not using that water source at this time.

Items we need clarification on:

- We need to know if EPA has set up an incident command center to check into and the name and cell number of the onsite coordinator is for EPA so KC Kay can check in. Please advise.

*Please, if everyone can reply to all in this email string with updates - it will help to keep the communication lines updated.*

Thanks.

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